

PANAMA ROUTE IS SAID TO BE FAVORED BY CANAL COMMISSION.

Expected to Recommend at Meeting Tomorrow Purchase of the French Holdings.

WOULD HAVE SO ADVISED, IT IS SAID, HAD PRICE EVEN BEEN \$50,000,000.

Former President Hulin Had Demanded \$100,000,000.

QUESTION AS TO THE RAILROAD.

Company Was Organized as an American Concern, But Frenchmen Secured a Majority of the Stock—Absolute Control by the Government Necessary if Panama Canal Is Decided Upon and Nicaraguan Route Rejected.

The Isthmian Canal Commission, of which Rear Admiral Walker is president, will meet tomorrow to consider the proposition of the French company for the sale to the United States of its property and rights in the Panama route.

From one who is an authority, and who is familiar with the views of the several members of the Commission, it is learned that the Commission, in view of the French company's proposition to sell all of its holdings for \$40,000,000 will, in all probability, report in favor of the Panama route.

Price Was Only Objection.

It is true that the Commission in its last report decided on the Nicaraguan route. Not, however, it is asserted, until it had been unable to come to a satisfactory agreement with President Hulin, of the Panama Canal Company who at first refused to set any price on the prop-

LITTLE BEFORE HOUSE TODAY.

Expected to Adjourn Over Until Next Saturday.

As there is nothing special before the House today the session appropriation bill having been passed yesterday it is not probable that the House will adjourn over until Saturday next when it is believed the urgency deficiency bill will be ready to report.

The only important measures on the calendar that may be called up today are: Bill to amend the act of May 12, 1900, authorizing the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to redeem or make allowance for internal revenue.

Joint resolution of the House authorizing the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to return bank checks, drafts, certificates of deposit, and orders for the payment of money, having imprinted stamps thereon, to the owners thereof, and for other purposes.

These were reported unanimously last week by Mr. Payne, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. They will not call forth any great amount of debate, and it is believed, therefore, today's session will be rather brief.

Yesterday before the adjournment Speaker Henderson announced the following appointments: Visitors to the Military Academy—Representatives Dick of Ohio, Gillett of Massachusetts, and Sulzer of New York. Visitors to the Naval Academy—Representatives Dayton of West Virginia, Conner of Iowa, and Kehoe of Kentucky.

Brothers Die of Asphyxiation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—John and Thomas McDonald, brothers, aged twenty-eight and thirty-eight years, respectively, were found dead in a furnished room at 17 East Seventeenth Street. Death was due to gas asphyxiation.

D. G. REBATION FOR FOXERS.

Former Civil Governor of Peking Will Be Punished.

PEKING, Jan. 15.—The court will voluntarily degrade the former Boxer Civil Governor of Peking, and will prohibit him from ever again holding office.

Two Han-Lin scholars and two small officials will also be degraded for exaggerating the powers of the Boxers and thus misleading the throne.

The production of edicts showing the good intentions of the Chinese continues.

The Empress Dowager urges fidelity to foreign nations. She declares that the throne loves and respects the missionaries and commands the officials to instruct the people to respect the church and to put aside their suspicions of Christians. She has ordered that a proclamation suppressing anti-missionary societies be posted in all the provinces.

SOON REUNITED IN DEATH.

Mrs. Barbara Lehmann Dies Only a Week Later Than Her Husband.

The remains of Mrs. Barbara Lehmann, of 819 Seventh Street northeast, who succumbed to grief over the death of her husband, which occurred only one week ago, will be laid to rest tomorrow morning at 8:45 o'clock.

Robbed in the same black silk gown she wore forty-eight years ago when she was married to Anton Lehmann, she will be laid to rest by the side of the man who was her constant protector and support through life.

About her bier are gathered eight sorrowing men who were wont to call her mother. They alone, the ten sons, are left to mourn her death.

The Rev. Father Charles W. Currier, pastor of St. Mary's church, will officiate at the funeral. Requiem mass will also be said at St. Mary's at 9:30 o'clock.

The following gentlemen will serve as pallbearers: Messrs. J. Vonderlehr, M. Ruppert, W. Burke, Rudolph Eichhorn, J. I. Beuchert, and B. Roth.

THE NEW YORK TUNNEL PLANS

Electricity and Steam Will Both Be Used Hereafter.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE TODAY.

President Newman Declares It Will Be Impossible to Do Entirely Away With Engines in the Park Avenue Cut—New York Central Directors Settle Problem This Morning.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Electricity and steam will both be used hereafter in the New York Central tunnel, according to an announcement made today by President Newman, following a meeting of the full board of directors of the road.

Change Must Be Slow.

The change cannot be effected for some time, but the work of improvement will be pushed rapidly, and the officers of the road seem to think that the plan provided will make the Park Avenue cut clean and safe.

Complete Change Impossible.

The complete change to electricity was impossible, President Newman said, because no motor had been found that could do the work of a steam engine in the tunnel, and the third rail system was out of the question, because the maze of frog switches, and tracks would make it deadly.

DEATHS IN THE DISTRICT.

Record for the Week Ending on Saturday Last.

There were 124 deaths in the District during the week ended on Saturday last of which 55 were of whites and 69 colored. In the corresponding week of last year they numbered 131. The death rate for whites was 141; for the colored, 40; and for all, 22.1, per thousand. Mortality from acute lung diseases, as compared with the last report, increased from 29 to 26, and from consumption from 13 to 15.

There was a decrease in deaths from brain disorders from 15 to 13, and from affections of the heart 7 to 3. There were 6 fatal cases of typhoid fever, 7 of diphtheria, and 5 of malignant growths. By violence 3 deaths occurred, all accidental; 1 being by explosion of steam boiler, and 2 by falls.

At the close of last report there were 31 cases of diphtheria in quarantine. During the week 20 new cases developed, and 16 were discharged, leaving 47 cases under supervision in 27 premises.

Of scarlet fever there were 42 cases in quarantine at the close of last report. During the week 11 new cases were reported, and 10 were discharged, leaving 43 cases with warning cards in 27 premises.

The mean conditions of the weather prevailing during the week were: temperature of the atmosphere, 32 degrees; relative humidity, 85 degrees; and barometer, 29.94. There was only a trace of rainfall, with northeasterly winds averaging 4 miles per hour. The maximum of the thermometer was 45 degrees on the 7th, and the minimum 14 degrees on the 5th.

The following were the deaths, classified according to their causes: Apoplexy, 4; bronchitis, 5; congestion of lungs, 2; consumption, 15; diphtheria, 7; diseases of brain, 8; diseases of heart, 3; diseases of kidneys, 10; malarial fevers, 1; malignant growths, 5; meningitis, 1; pneumonia, 19; typhoid fever, 6; miscellaneous, 32. Total, 124.

KING REVIEWS THE GUARDS.

Tells Soldiers He Hopes War Will Soon End.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—King Edward and the Prince of Wales today reviewed 1,200 of the Guards Brigade, who are about to sail for the Cape.

King Edward spoke to the men as follows: "I trust your duties in South Africa will not be so arduous as those of the men who have gone before, as I hope the war will soon be coming to a conclusion."

Denial by Father O'Brien.

ROME, Jan. 15.—Father O'Brien, chancellor of the arch-diocese of Baltimore, denies the report that he is in Rome negotiating for an American representative at the Vatican or that his visit has any connection with the affairs of Mr. Parkhurst and Prince Royal, who are having much trouble to obtain permission from the church to marry.

POSTMASTER GENERAL PAYNE TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE

Sworn in by Chief Justice Fuller in the White House Cabinet Room.

CEREMONY WITNESSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BY OTHER DISTINGUISHED OFFICIALS.

Active Career of the Successor to Charles Emory Smith.

A BUSINESS MAN AND POLITICIAN.

His Prominence in Formulating Policy of the Republican Party in Late Years and His Leading Part in Carrying It Through Success—Fully Regret for Mr. Smith's Departure.

Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, became Postmaster General at 10:05 o'clock this morning, and Charles Emory Smith, of Pennsylvania, at the same moment stepped down and out of President Roosevelt's Cabinet.

The ceremony took place in the Cabinet Room at the White House, the oath being administered by Chief Justice Fuller in the presence of the President, the members of his Cabinet, (excepting Secretary Gage), the entire Wisconsin Congressional delegation, and a number of invited spectators. Among the latter were Senators Hanna of Ohio, Senator Scott of West Virginia, and Col. Richard Kerns of Missouri, besides the newspaper correspondents, Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Payne were also present.

Mr. Payne was attacked by a mild form of stage fright during the oath taking, but went through it bravely, nevertheless. As soon as he had repeated the last words of the obligation Chief Justice Fuller shook him warmly by the hand.

Greetings From the President.

President Roosevelt then seized Mr. Payne's right hand with a hearty grip, exclaiming: "Mr. Postmaster General."

The President immediately stepped on past Mr. Payne to shake hands with the retiring Postmaster General. Mr. Roosevelt spoke earnestly and emphatically, evidently complimenting Mr. Smith upon his administration of the Postoffice Department.

General Felicitations Offered.

Ex-Postmaster General Smith then shook hands with his successor, after which the members of the Cabinet and the other spectators took turns in pumping the new minister's hand. Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Quay of Pennsylvania, who were invited to witness the ceremony, reached the White House about five minutes after it was all over.

Seldom in recent years has there been such a large audience present at the administration of the oath to a Cabinet officer. The Chief Justice, the President and Mr. Payne stood at the end of the Cabinet table, where the sunlight streamed through the southern windows on their heads.

After the ceremony the new and the old Postmaster Generals remained for a long time in conference with the President.

Fulfillment of Ambition.

Postmaster General Payne succeeds Mr. Charles Emory Smith, who resigned his office on December 14, 1901, to again devote himself to his newspaper work at the head of the "Philadelphia Press." In Mr. Payne's assumption of the Postmaster Generalship one of his most cherished ambitions is fulfilled. Ever since a ten-year term as Postmaster of Milwaukee, Mr. Payne has aspired to be Postmaster General. He is a native of Massachusetts, where he was born on November 23, 1845. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the Tenth Massachusetts Regiment, but his youthfulness and somewhat diminutive stature thwarted his ambition to become a soldier.

Success in Business and Politics.

When still quite a young man he decided to try his fortune in the West. Milwaukee was his destination, and he

HE HITS HARD.

Good Old King Coffee.

People don't realize what a savage tyrant coffee is. It gets the upper hand, and one of the reasons it maintains its power is that people do not believe that coffee is doing the deadly work; but they wake up once in a while.

A lady in Norfolk, Va., writes an interesting experience. "Some months ago a friend who was calling asked if I wanted to read a sweet letter, and I read it she brushed her tears away. It was from a beautiful Christian woman, the mother of her husband, who was just able to be moved. When I called I found she was suffering from a most aggravated stomach and bowel trouble; being in pain most of her time, and she could hardly restrain enough nourishment to keep her alive, although she was always hungry and craving food, but not daring to touch it because of the agony it brought her."

"I found she was a coffee drinker and insisted that she quit the coffee and take Postum Food Coffee with some Grape-Nuts breakfast food. I had gone through a wonderful experience myself and knew the value of both Postum and Grape-Nuts."

"I went right to work and made her a cup of Postum the first thing, which she drank and liked it wonderfully well. She made the change and began to improve in a few days. She has gradually gotten better and better, and of course, I have been much interested in her recovery."

"A short time ago I met her daughter-in-law and asked how her mother was. She said, 'Wonderfully well. She is a new woman. She has entirely recovered her health and spirits, and just to think it was by the simple act of leaving off that poison, I had gone through a wonderful experience myself and knew the value of both Postum Food Coffee and Grape-Nuts breakfast food.'"

This letter was written by Mrs. M. L. Esquire of Post North, Va. There is a wonderful lesson that thousands of people can learn, that of leaving off narcotics and poisonous drugs like coffee and using Postum Food Coffee and solid food containing the elements the Creator intended for man's use.

arrived there with \$50 in his pocket. He obtained work as clerk in a dry goods store. Within five years he was in business for himself. Subsequently he entered the insurance business. He was president of a library association which laid the foundation for the present Milwaukee public library.

Political prominence first came to Mr. Payne in 1872. He organized the local Young Men's Republican Club. Milwaukee, overwhelmingly Democratic, was consoled into the Republican fold, and remained there as long as Mr. Payne was at the head of the party in that city.

Mr. Payne was one of the coteries to whose initiative was due Garfield's nomination in 1880. He was Wisconsin's delegate-at-large to the convention in 1888 and again in 1892.

Active Political Leadership.

By 1896, when the Republican party was organized as never before, preparatory to the victory in the fall of that year, Mr. Payne went to the convention at St. Louis, and, with a number of others, planned the faith of the party to the gold standard. Then he was made vice chairman of the National Committee and was in charge of the entire Western campaign from the party headquarters in Chicago.

All during the McKinley Administration Mr. Payne was one of the confidential advisers of the Administration. In 1900 he took hold of the Western headquarters of the party, at Chicago, and managed the campaign with even more success than he had done four years previously.

Filling High Offices.

In 1876 Mr. Payne was appointed postmaster at Milwaukee by President Grant, and was re-appointed by Presidents Hayes and Arthur. His record has never been equaled in that city. Upon his retirement from the office in 1886, he interested himself in large business interests with great success. He has long been president of the Wisconsin Telephone Company, and of the Milwaukee and Northern Railroad Company, and vice president of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company. By virtue of the last position he was, in 1893, elected president of the American Street Railway Association.

In August, 1892, when the affairs of the Great Northern Railroad were in deplorable shape, Mr. Payne was appointed receiver, one of the largest trusts ever accorded a citizen of Wisconsin.

An Acquisition to Society.

Postmaster General and Mrs. Payne will be a most desirable acquisition to official society. They are wealthy and will entertain generously, as they have done while prominent in the social life of the Wisconsin metropolis. Mrs. Payne, before her marriage, was Miss Lydia W. Van Dyke, a member of an old New York family. She is a most entertaining and tactful hostess, although not at all times in the best of health. They have no children; but they have several nieces, one of whom was abroad with them last summer.

Regrets for Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

The passing of Mr. and Mrs. Smith from a social life in this city will be generally regretted.

Mrs. Smith has taken high rank among the most entertaining hostesses in Washington, and her eminent husband was one of the most popular members of the Cabinet. He was especially well liked by the newspaper fraternity for his directness and consideration.

Dix to Be Extradited.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The King's Bench Court has ordered the extradition of Henry St. John Dix, of Seattle, Wash., who is wanted in that city for robbing the Scandinavian Bank. Dix will leave for America on Saturday.

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DIED.

LEE.—In loving remembrance of my sister, MARCELINE LEE, who departed this life one year ago today.

By Her Sister, FANNY ASHTON, and Nieces.

LEHMANN.—On Tuesday, January 14, 1902, at 1:20 o'clock a. m., BARBARA, widow of Anton Lehmann, lately deceased, in the seventy-first year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence, 819 Seventh Street northeast, on Thursday, January 16, at 8:45 o'clock a. m. Burial was at St. Mary's Church at 9:30 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the Cumberland Valley Cement Company will be held on TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1902, AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M., at the office of the company, 615 F. st. n. w. S. DANA LINCOLN, President. T. D. WATERS, Secretary.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—This is to notify all persons that the company will be moved from Washington, D. C., to 200 Broadway, New York City, on Saturday, January 11, 1902. On and after Friday, January 10, please send all communications to the New York address.

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Shall I Drop It?

Killing Two Birds with One Stone.

A man said: "I nearly killed two birds with one stone when I ruined stomach and nerves with coffee. Quit it? Well, I think so. I had rather be well, feel good, eat meals, sleep well, and be able to do something in this world than to have all the coffee on earth."

Brain workers can go on with coffee a while, but the day comes when dyspepsia begins to show its head then comes time when the brain gets tired and has to be pushed. That's the time to look out, for it is a sure forerunner of that terrible dis-

ease Nervous Prostration and probable paralysis.

Coffee poison affects stomach and nerves (the brain included), and if persisted in will do its work sure as the sun is sure to rise. Medicine will not avert the final attack. There is but one thing to do. Drop it, if you show the least sign of the poison affecting you in stomach, nerves, kidneys, bowels, eyes, or heart.

It is easy to change from coffee to Postum Food Coffee if you insist on having Postum prepared by long boiling. That brings out the taste and food value,